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**Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #22  
February 12, 2018  
MINUTES**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:04 PM on Monday, February 12, 2018, in Library Conference Room B, Vice Chairperson Leonard presiding. Senators Derbyshire, Gindy, Mahler, and Rice were present. Chairperson Conley was absent.
2. Minutes from FSEC meeting #21, February 5, 2018 were approved.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS**
  - a. Vice Chairperson Leonard reported on her and Chairperson Conley's meeting with the Provost and Vice Provost Beauvais of February 8. They had discussed the workload adjustment associated with the new Senate committees and concerns about the availability of a sufficient number of seats in general education courses in the fall (2018).
  - b. The FSEC reviewed agenda items for the upcoming meeting with the President.
  - c. The FSEC reviewed the status of the solicitation of nominees for the position of 2018-19 Vice Chair-Chair Elect.
4. **ONGOING BUSINESS**
  - a. The FSEC discussed the anticipated workloads associated with the newly restructured Senate committees and discussed effective faculty participation in committee work.
5. Director DiCioccio, Office of Innovation in General Education, joined the meeting at 1:45 PM. She reported that a 3<sup>rd</sup> general education course fair would be held on March 28 in the Memorial Union Ballroom. The fair would offer faculty the opportunity to promote their courses while students would visit booths to learn about fulfilling specific learning outcomes. Director DiCioccio said that she was seeking two volunteers from among the FSEC members to assist with the selection of the two recipients of the General Education Innovation Award. She reported that the Office of Innovation in General Education would be producing a publication featuring 4 faculty members and their general education courses. Director DiCioccio reported that the Office of Innovation in General Education in collaboration with the Office for the Advancement of Teaching and Learning and the Rhode Island Teaching and Learning Network will host general education course assessment workshops this summer (2018). Dr. Monica Stitt-Bergh, University of Hawaii, and 2017 President of the Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education, has been invited to URI to assist in the

development of the permanent general education assessment plan. Director DiCioccio reported that the Subcommittee on the Assessment of General Education (SAGE) had completed a report of the assessment of selected courses in the following 6 outcomes (year 1): Global Responsibilities, Information Literacy, Humanities, Civic Responsibilities, Communicate Effectively, and Social Science. The remaining 6 outcomes are under review in 2017-18 (year 2): Diversity & Inclusion, Write Effectively, STEM; Mathematical, Statistical, or Computational; Integrate and Apply; and Arts and Design. In the fall 2018 semester, rubric revision is planned for the first group of 6 outcomes. By the end of the spring 2019 semester, the plan is to have completed the rubric revisions and to have finalized the permanent assessment plan. The FSEC discussed creating an ad hoc committee on the assessment of general education to allow SAGE members to continue their work during the summer. The responsibility of the assessment of general education will be assumed by the new Teaching, Advising, and Assessment Committee once its members have been appointed. Director DiCioccio reported that not all faculty who have been randomly selected to participate in course assessment have complied with the request. She was advised to request that the Council of Deans be notified.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Neff